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GREAT BATTLE EXPECTED

Everything Quiet in the Far East But the Inactivity Looks Ominous.

Gunshu Paso, March 27.—Everywhere along the front there is complete and ominous quiet. No collisions have been reported today.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—General Linevitch, in a dispatch dated March 25, reports no change in the position of the army.

An imperial order relieves General Grippenberg from the command of the second Manchurian army, but permits him to remain as aide-de-camp to the Emperor.

Tokio, March 27.—The railway between Mukden and Kaiyuan has been restored and traffic resumed. The railway bridges across the Hun River is not yet thoroughly repaired and traffic is still interrupted there.

Tokio, March 27.—The following dispatch has been received. "Our scouting force reported that the enemy retreated from Singking toward Paulungchou ninety miles northeast. Another report is that the enemy halted at Mienualchich, in the Kiren River district between Piyan-

pomen and Dummied, province of Staseiei. At Kanorsio few of the enemy's troops are appearing. The natives report 200 of the enemy's infantry posted at Aishenkou, nine miles north of Wannasa, and 600 infantry and cavalry at Taoli, fifteen miles east of Wannasa.

"The natives also report troops in the district twenty miles north of Hinchiatun, twenty-three miles northeast of Fakoman. The reports do not trace the enemy from Mangping, thirteen miles northwest of Fakoman, but some troops from Liao Yang and Wopeng are twenty-five miles north of Kangping."

At their own request, 421 non-combatants have been released beyond the Japanese outposts, and 344 have been sent south to Che Foo and released.

Capt. Leahy Has Not Resigned.

A special to the El Paso Times from Santa Fe stated that Capt. D. J. Leahy had resigned as clerk of the Sixth Judicial District Court is not true, nor has Mr. Chas. P. Downs been appointed to fill the vacancy. Such a thing as Capt. Leahy resigning has been expected but has not taken place. It is not known who will succeed him as District Clerk.

W. E. WARREN & BRO.

Druggists—On the Corner.

Mr. Downs' many friends throughout the territory would like to see him get the appointment. Since making his home here he has made new friends by his attentive and courteous manner in conducting the affairs as Capt. Leahy's deputy. As to Capt. Leahy resigning such will be regretted by his Alamogordo friends. While we rejoice in seeing him advance in the performance of public service yet Capt. Leahy as a man, friend and politician, is a valuable citizen in any community.

Diaz Issues the Monetary Decree.

Mexico City, March 26.—President Diaz has issued the decree for the reform of the monetary system authorized by congress in December last. The decree establishes the peso or "silver dollar" at the value of 50 cents gold and the theoretical unit of the Mexican currency is defined to be a dollar or "peso" of 75 centigrams of gold.

An important feature of the decree is the provision for a reserve exchange fund.

The mint will be closed April 16 to the free coinage of silver, and the new monetary system will go into effect May 1.

The publication of the decree gives great satisfaction in business and financial circles. It assures a continuance of a stable exchange and assures business men against losses in importing.

Rodey's Honest Confession.

The Santa Fe New Mexican says:

"An honest confession is good for the soul" and the New Mexican, which has always had a soft spot for ex-Delegate B. S. Rodey and has still, forgiving him for having strayed after false gods, is gratified to publish the following interesting little talk made by Mr. Rodey a few nights ago in the rooms of the Commercial Club in Albuquerque. Mr. Rodey said: "I do not like the Governor and I am not much in love with Senator Andrews, but I must admit that as delegate from New Mexico, Senator Andrews has now already more influence in the halls of Congress and with Senators and Representatives than myself or any other delegate who has ever been in Congress from the Territory of New Mexico."

Shake, Mr. Rodey, the New Mexican agrees with you and there will be no fight between you and the paper on the Andrews' proposition!

Sock Social.

The sock social was well attended at First M E church last Tuesday night. The affair was given to raise money with which to pay for the range at the parsonage, and was a success. The peculiar feature of raising the money was the real entertainment of the evening. You paid in pennies the size of your sock multiplied by 2, thus a No. 10 sock called for 20c, etc. Mrs. A. F. Warnock read, and little Miss Lucile Murphy recited, little Miss Maurine Brown recited little Miss Hazel Shelton sang, the Epworth quartette sang three selections, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Templin sang a duet and everybody enjoyed themselves. The fancy embroidered quilt cover was auctioned off and it is said the young man who bid it in has an eye for business.

For Cloudcroft Opening.

Master Mechanic Dawson informs us that everything is being put in readiness for the Cloudcroft opening on June 1. Mountain excursion cars are being remodeled, renovated and painted up and put in good shape for summer Cloudcroft business. Combination car No. 6 is being overhauled. Other improvements are going on in order to be ready for the season, now near at hand.

KILLING AT THREE RIVERS.

John McIntyre, Section Foreman, Killed by Nicanor Martinez, a Sheep Herder.

Special to the News.

Three Rivers, March 31, 1905. John McIntyre, section foreman at this place for the northeastern, was killed last evening at about 6 o'clock by Nicanor Martinez, a Mexican sheep herder. McIntyre leaves a wife and one child. He was a member of the Railway Club at Alamogordo. The trouble came up over the Mexican watering his sheep at a watering hole on railroad right of way. Two other Mexicans witnessed the killing. They say that McIntyre shot first, wounding Martinez in right shoulder. The Mexican surrendered to the authorities here.

To the foregoing we have learned some additional particulars from parties here who were in some way or other more or less interested in finding out about the killing. The trouble came about over some dispute over watering sheep. McIntyre was shot and killed by Nicanor Martinez, a sheep herder. There were two other Mexicans who witnessed the killing. They say McIntyre fired first shot, wounding Martinez in right shoulder.

McIntyre was riding a horse and was known to have a six shooter. It is said that this six shooter was taken away from him by some one. It is further stated that when found that his riding whip was about his right hand, the hand that he would have used his gun with. The Mexicans say that the killing was done with a 30-30, but those who examined the wound say no 30-30 was used. The ball entered the abdomen and lodged near the hip. The killing was done near mile post 117 1-2, near Three Rivers. The body was brought here and embalmed for shipment to Comstock, Texas. A brother will arrive today, Saturday, to accompany the remains home. A wife and one child, 6 years old boy, survives.

Sheriff Phillips went up Thursday night and returned on Friday's No. 43 "Limited."

SMILING AND SELLING.

There Are Times When the Two Do Not Blend Successfully.

"If you cannot learn to smile you cannot learn to sell," says an exchange. Now, we are willing to agree that a happy disposition is a very essential quality for a salesman to have. But, taken literally, the statement is not true. Perhaps 85 per cent of successful salesmen sell goods with a smile and find that it pays. But, on the other hand, there are 15 per cent or more who scarcely ever indulge in a smile while waiting on customers.

Take, for example, some of the women who make up the highest class of city trade—the kind that drives up to a shop in a swell turnout, enters like a queen, snubs the floorwalker, seats herself in a comfortable seat and looks around impatiently to be waited on. If you know much about selling this class of trade you know that if you smile benignly and perhaps remark about the beautiful weather you will receive a frigid stare from the customer that will make you shake. In most of the stores where this class of trade is catered to you will find salesmen who are expert at handling it. They sell evening slippers, carriage boots, riding boots, leggings, etc., with a cold politeness that would drive away an ordinary shopper.

There are times and places for everything, and the time and place not to smile are in a shoe store when one of the human icebergs which inhabit the Four Hundred window is to buy \$40 or \$50 worth of footwear—that is, if you expect to sell to her.—Shoe Trade Journal.

MUSIC IN COURT.

Occasions When Melody Decided Questions at Law.

On one occasion all who were present in the court of justice at Berlin had the great pleasure of listening to a free performance by Professor Joachim, the famous violinist. It appeared from the evidence that a dealer in musical instruments was charged with cheating a customer by representing that a violin which he offered for sale at \$1.25 was an instrument that could be

played. The great professor was called in as an expert witness, and, taking up the impugned instrument, he proceeded to play upon it. Under his magic fingers it really sounded like a violin, but in a few moments, much to the regret of his listeners, the maestro laid the instrument down with an evident air of contempt. But he had secured the accused's acquittal.

The great tenor Mario once had to give a free exhibition of his magnificent vocal power in court in order to gain freedom for himself. He had been arrested in Madrid in mistake for a mischievous political agitator and in vain proclaimed his identity to the powers that be. Finally he was told that if he really was the famous singer his voice was a certain means of convincing the court of the truth of his claim. For seven or eight minutes Mario held all within hearing spellbound, and he was then allowed to take his departure, with profuse apologies for his arrest and detention. —Chicago Tribune.

Straw For Hats a Century Ago. In the early part of the last century there were fewer factories in this country than now, and many things were made by hand which today are the work of machinery. This was especially true of the braid for straw hats. Rye straw was commonly used, although wheat was also in demand. But the rye straw had longer stems and was more easily handled. In driving along the country roads, in Massachusetts particularly, late in the summer one would see great bundles of the straw hanging on the fences to dry. When the sun and wind had done their share of the work, it was placed in casks where sulphur was burning until it was bleached to a pale yellow. Then it was split into narrow widths suitable for braiding.—St. Nicholas.

The Making of Character.

The order of the world is moral in every fiber. Men may do what they please within certain limits, and because they do what they please society seems to be in a state of moral chaos, but every word and deed reacts instantly on the man, and this reaction is so inevitable that since time began not one violation of any law of life has ever escaped the penalty. He has paid the price of his word or his deed on the instant in its reaction upon his character. God does not punish men. They punish themselves in their own natures and in the work of their hands. —Hamilton Wright Mable.

To Keep Roses Fresh.

Fill the vase or pitcher with very warm water, and as each rose is inserted cut off the tip of the stem with scissors under the water so that no air may reach the freshly cut stem. Do this every morning, leaving the flowers to cool in the same water until the next day, when repeat the process. All hard stemmed flowers can be kept fresh in the same way.—Ladies Home Journal.

Inventive Genius.

"Women have no originality, no inventive genius." "Nonsense; I have seen my stenographer make a memorandum with a hat pin on a cake of soap when she had no paper handy."

It is a good thing to remember when accepting favors that the time is liable to come when they will be thrown up to you.—Athenian Globe.

Modesty should be the virtue of those who possess no other.—Lichtenberg.

A Was Spencer Had.

Herbert Spencer had a passion for generalization. If you remarked it was a fine day, Spencer would answer, "Yes; anticyclonic conditions like those of yesterday seldom break up without warning of the advent of a depression from westward." If you observed that Mrs. Jones was a pretty woman, Spencer would reply, "Her father was a west highlander and her mother an Irishwoman, and intermarriage between highlanders and Irish almost always produces physically handsome but intellectually inferior children."

The Original Anglomaniac.

Wayne had just won the battle of Stony Point. "But why," inquired the British, "do they call you Mad Anthony?" "Because," replied the doughty general, "I am the original Anglomaniac." Putting his statement to the test, he pressed onward, taking with him several cannon of the latest English manufacture.—New York Tribune.

Serious Defect.

"Young man, this elevator is out of order. I shall certainly report it to my husband, who is an assistant elevator inspector."

"Wh-wh-what's the matter with it, ma'am?"

"The mirrors are soiled and dingy, sir."—Chicago Tribune.

Inconsiderate.

Mabel—I do believe Miss Ponds is in love with that poor young lawyer.

"Lara—What a shame! And she would make such a good wife for some fellow who was marrying for money.—Puck.

Chagrins.

Little Dick—Uncle Richard, what is chagrins? Uncle Richard—Dickie, chagrins is that feeling you ought to have when you kick at the cat and fall over backward.—Indianapolis Journal.

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